

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please AMEND the Specification to read as follows. The paragraphs listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

Please AMEND paragraph [0024] to read as follows:

[0024] ~~comprises a tension adjusting roller disposed to be in contact with the friction belt, and a tension adjusting roller supporting axis rotatably supporting the tension adjusting roller at the lower part in the paper feeding direction of the frame]~~ The friction part further may include a friction adjusting member which adjusts a tension of the friction belt so as to always yield a frictional force to the leading ends. The friction adjusting member may include: a tension adjusting roller disposed in contact with the friction belt; and a tension adjusting roller supporting axle rotatably supporting the tension adjusting roller at the lower part in the paper feeding direction.

Please AMEND paragraph [0025] to read as follows:

[0025] ~~image forming apparatus, and a driving axis coaxially connecting between the driving gear and one of the first and the second belt pulleys]~~ The driving part may include: a driving gear disposed so that at least a part thereof projects one of outwardly and upwardly from the lower part in the paper feeding direction and connected to the driving source which drives the paper feed unit via a gear train; and a driving axle coaxially connecting the driving gear and one of the first and the second belt pulleys.

Please AMEND paragraph [0037] to read as follows:

[0037] Similar to the pickup unit 30 shown in FIG. 1, the pickup unit 130 comprises a pickup roller assembly 133 comprising a pickup shaft 131 connected to the power transferring gear train, a first gear (not shown) formed around the pickup shaft 131, a first and a second idle gears (not shown) pivotably disposed around a first and a second idle shafts 137, 138 to move in association with the first gear, a pickup roller gear (not shown) connected to the second idle gear, a pickup roller 134 coaxially formed with the pickup roller gear to pick up a sheet of paper, an unidirectional power transfer unit (not shown) such as a spring clutch for transferring rotary power only in the paper pickup direction to the pickup roller gear between the pickup roller gear

and the second idle gear, and a link member 136 with one end connected with a pickup roller shaft 139shaft 134a and the other end pivotably supported on a supporting shaft 135 to support the pickup roller 134 to be in contact with paper.